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A PROMISING PLAN.

THE newest Irish peace formula reported promises well. It is now suggested that Tyrone and Fermanagh vote in a plebiscite as to whether the counties prefer to join Southern Ireland or stick with Ulster. The proposal indicates compromising minds in the conference. No hope of peace exists except as the result of compromise.

But this formula has something more to recommend it. It is an appeal to the principle of "self-determination" on which Sinn Fein has rested its case. It is submitting the settlement of the question in the same terms in which individual Irishmen have been considering it. It is a brilliant appeal to the psychological processes of those involved.

If Sinn Fein is willing to bargain on these terms and can win the plebiscite, as seems more than possible, it would be in far stronger position than ever. Eventually all Ireland must be under one Government. The probability that Ulster can be brought in now is remote.

But if Tyrone and Fermanagh can be added to Southern Ireland, it would strengthen the economic pressure and add to the probability that the northern counties would eventually "self-determine" themselves into the larger, and eventually a united, Ireland.

The issue in this milk drivers' strike is one that involves public welfare in the largest sense.

A thing that does NOT belong in it is Hylan campaign politics.

WATCHERS WANTED.

TOMORROW at 2.30 P. M. the Honest Ballot Association will hold a meeting at the Bar Association headquarters, No. 42 West 44th Street, to issue credentials and instructions to its watchers at the polls.

The Honest Ballot Association has an excellent record in protecting the honesty of the ballot. It has done good work in cleaning up some of the worst abuses in New York elections. It has hired watchers to detect fraud and dishonesty in registration and voting. It has spent "the money available for this purpose."

Now it is appealing to honest and public-spirited citizens to volunteer for work on Election Day, when the possibility of fraud and miscounting is greatest.

It is a plea which deserves a ready response. In the invitation extended by Beach Barrett, Secretary of the Honest Ballot Association, he says:

"Men and women are equally capable of doing this work, the only legal requirement being that watchers must be qualified voters in the City of New York. The association has an efficient organization to train, organize and supervise an unlimited force of watchers."

Women who want a highly instructive object lesson in the practical workings of the political system in this city will find the work of the Honest Ballot Association watcher both interesting and instructive.

They will also have the consciousness of rendering real public service in preventing election frauds.

Last night former Gov. Al Smith made a speech for the City Administration without mentioning the Mayor.

It seems to have been warned that silence is less damning than the faint praise his conscience will let him whisper for Hylan.

A LEGION STINGER FOR HARVEY.

GEORGE HARVEY'S Pilgrim Day speech did not "represent the true American attitude," according to the American Legion.

Even the Ambassador seems to have been brought around to that opinion, judging by his more recent speech. Probably the Ambassador was confronted with the alternative of changing opinions or changing jobs.

Nearly half of the Legion members voting were ready to go on record as demanding the recall of Harvey as a man "of little mind dominated by envy and jealousy and incapable of appreciating the higher ideals of life, and therefore ascribing to others the only motives which he is able to understand."

That rebuke, as scathing as any ever administered to a public man, is on the record. It is a fitting judgment. Even if a small majority were unwilling to go quite so far, it should be effective in separating a misrepresentative from a post he does not honor. President Harding should act. He should send an Ambassador to England who would represent a larger proportion of American citizenship.

If President Harding doesn't take the "hint" of the Legion and remove Harvey, it is likely to be attributed to fear of Harvey's "little mind." From

a Republican standpoint, Harvey is far safer in London than in the United States. Whether or not Harvey is kicked out, he has certainly been kicked.

HYLAN'S PRIZE FAKE.

ONLY 358 free transfer points on the surface lines of this city to-day as against 2,365 four years ago, before John F. Hylan became Mayor!

227 points at which there is now a transfer charge of 2 cents, making a 7-CENT FARE!

1,780 points at which there is now no transfer at all, making a 10-CENT FARE!

These figures are official.

Let them sink in. Then ask yourself by what right Mayor Hylan asks citizens of New York to hail him as the preserver of 5-cent fares.

Discontinuance of transfers was the result of receiverships and the breaking up of lines.

Receiverships and the breaking up of lines were part of the general disintegration in which New York's transit system has been sliding toward chaos.

Did Mayor Hylan do anything to stop the slide?

Did Mayor Hylan come to the city's rescue with a constructive transit plan that might have been at least the start toward a transit settlement?

Mayor Hylan did not.

While transfer points were being discontinued, while the 5-cent fare was becoming for hundreds of thousands of people only a memory, while the whole traction muddle was going from bad to worse, Mayor Hylan contented himself with starting a few buses as a little advertisement for his Administration.

Then, when the State stepped in to do what he had shown himself incapable of doing, the Mayor capitalized his own inaction and tried to make it pass for championship of home rule.

Seeing some 5-cent fares still left in the traction wreckage, the Mayor took unto himself all credit for them and sought to pose as the preserver of 5-cent fares.

What has he preserved?

Ask the people who now change cars daily at those 2,007 points where there is no longer a 5-cent fare.

Hylan can't fool THEM with his 5-cent fare bunk.

Their own daily experience PROVES to them that it's bunk.

Only 358 free transfer points on city surface lines to-day as against 2,365 before John F. Hylan began to "preserve 5-cent fares"!

These are the figures.

How can ANYBODY be fooled?

Just the same, one of the balmy, loveliest spots on earth to be exiled to is the Island of Madeira. If we had to choose for ourselves, it would stand high on the list.

VICTIMS OF CROOKEDNESS.

VOTERS in the 8th and 18th Districts have power to administer a rebuke to crooked politicians in this city.

Two years ago Algernon Lee and Edward F. Cassidy were elected Aldermen from these districts. They were seated yesterday and then only because of court orders. The vote in favor of their seating was unanimous. If anything, that makes the record even more disgraceful.

First the Aldermen were the victims of crooked work at the polls. They were counted out. Then a crooked Tammany majority, aided and abetted by the shameful indifference and inaction of a crooked Republican minority, kept them waiting for justice until all but two months of their terms had expired.

What's to be done?

In ordinary circumstances The Evening World would not recommend the election of Socialist Aldermen. In this case it hopes that Lee and Cassidy will be elected by overwhelming majorities.

Re-election would mean that the two Socialists would have opportunity to serve two years, the term for which they were originally elected. This is just and fair.

Any other result would only encourage crooks to steal other elections.

"Craig is a fighter," Mayor Hylan asserts. In view of the record of stormy meetings of the Board of Estimate, the Mayor may qualify as an expert witness.

TWICE OVERS.

"BOBBED brains are worse than bobbed hair." —President Guth of Goucher College.

"YOU know, I think one should always try to be of use, even dead." —Sarah Bernhardt.

"WELL, Commissioner (Copeland), you can have my entire plant right now if you'll pay me the money for it." —Loton Horton of Sheffield Farms Dairy Company.

If You Walk From the Transfer Point

By John Cassel

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From Evening World Readers

What kind of letter do you find most readable? Isn't it the one that gives the worth of a thousand words in a couple of hundred? There is fine mental exercise and a lot of satisfaction in trying to say much in few words. Take time to be brief.

"Silent Statesmen."

To the Editor of The Evening World:

Mr. Hylan speaks about mandatory legislation from Albany, but omits that the Democrats vote for this legislation.

The courts will have the final say about 5 or 8-cent fare, as they will be guided by the financial statement of the railroad companies, and no Mayor will influence the courts. The World has proved and Mr. Hylan agrees that the office holders were increased \$32,000,000, some of which was justifiable.

As the cost of living has been reduced, why should not office holders be reduced like many in business? This would mean a reduction of rents. I pay \$200 more taxes than a year ago on account of this.

Tammany opposed "Votes for Women."

In the California convention Tammany favored the abolition of the saloons, although many leaders were saloonists and Tammany protected the worst saloons here.

Their elected representatives outside of Bourke Cockran, James A. O'Gorman and Victor J. Dowling are more famous for dirty politics than statesmanship. Most of them are silent statesmen and vote like sheep, allowing an inferior type to do their thinking and voting. Hylan is honest, but not politically so, and the greatest "gallery player" ever elected.

T. P. H.

"A Drag on the Wheel."

To the Editor of The Evening World:

I have been a reader of The Evening World, for twenty-five years. You publish an "Independent Democratic Journal," I believe. I know Joseph Pulitzer, Jr., the greatest journalist of his day, did publish an Independent Democratic paper.

When I opened my paper to-night and scanned the editorial page and read your leading editorial, "A Drag on the Wheel," I said to myself: "More Hylan votes added to the great avalanche of votes that are going to bury Mr. Curran so deep that he won't show out until the sunshine of spring comes again."

I quote just a short paragraph from your broadcast which sums up briefly why I am not going to vote for Governor Miller's up-State political brigade.

You say: "Governor Miller's method of procedure was not tactful. He proposed to sweep away the last vestige of home rule."

Mr. Curran is Ross Miller's candidate. I want home rule.

You wind up by saying "Hylan is a drag on the wheel."

I reply that the Curran dam is broken and the water of up-State folly will never grind out the kind of grit that will go to make up a palatable portion that is wanted upon the table of residents of New York City.

FRID A. PETTIT.
New York, Nov. 3, 1921.

Registration Questions.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

On registration day several questions are asked of an applicant which to my mind have no bearing on his fitness as a voter, such as, for instance, whether he is

she be a householder or freeholder. On the other hand, there are some questions that should be asked and are not, and I am wondering how many votes will be cast on next Tuesday by persons not entitled to the privilege. A case in point:

A woman appears before the registry board. She gives her age as twenty-three, say, and states she was born in this country and has lived here all her life. She is permitted to register and on election day, presumably, will be permitted to vote. But did it occur to anyone on registration day to inquire whether, if she be married, her husband is a citizen? I never have heard any such question asked.

We all know that when a native-born woman marries an alien she automatically loses her citizenship. There are thousands of such cases in this city, particularly among the children of foreign-born parents, the children having intermarried with men of their parents' countries. This possibility does not occur to the election boards, however, and the fact that they were born here seems to be sufficient.

CHARLES A. BURKE.
Staten Island, N. Y.

The Fiction Supplements.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

If all the Saturday evening fiction supplement stories are to be as good as the first two you can bet I'll not miss any. Thanks for the new idea.

EVENING WORLD READER.
New York, Oct. 31, 1921.

Police and Penitence.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

A few remarks on "Veterans' Preference." The police and firemen say: "The public works had to be protected by trained men."

How long does it take a man to learn a trade?

A man will serve his time, three to five years, to learn a trade, but it only takes three months to make a cop or fireman.

WOUNDED 27TH DIVISIONER.

New York, Oct. 31, 1921.

Unions as Oppressors.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

"Bolshevik Needs Workers' reply to Poorman's letter which you publish to-day under the caption of "A Needle Worker's Reply," is no answer at all to Poorman's statement that the labor unions are the real oppressors of the poor. Everyone of any intelligence whatever knows that the present outrageously high rents, high cost of clothing, high cost of food and other necessities of the poor are caused by the swollen wages which labor unions have been successful in gouging out of these industries."

POORMAN.
New York, Nov. 1, 1921.

"Success."

To the Editor of The Evening World:

I make a habit of reading the article entitled "Uncommon Sense," by John Blake. The article of Oct. 27 proved very interesting. It pertained to "Success."

Of course the public comprehends that different people have different ideas of success. One man feels that he will be suc-

UNCOMMON SENSE

By John Blake

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AMBITION.

Achievement is never possible without ambition. You may have the ability to do great things—abundance of it.

But you will never do them unless somewhere within you is a desire to do them—a desire so keen that it will sacrifice almost anything else to the attainment of its object.

Probably three-quarters of those who began life with high hopes are failures, and of these three-quarters one-quarter easily could have succeeded had they possessed or acquired the driving force of ambition.

Without it they let their abilities fall into disuse. They soon dropped by the way.

There are many reasons for ambition. But whatever the reason, it carries a man to some sort of success.

Many men who are unlikely, whose success everybody resents, get to the top merely because of their ambition.

Many rogues have landed in high places in history because they were ambitious and because their ambition was strong enough to carry them there.

For this reason ambition has often come to be under suspicion. It is not always complimentary to a man to say that he is ambitious. Brutus used it in a far from complimentary sense in speaking of Caesar.

Yet the highest and noblest motives may awaken ambition. The desire to do good in the world, the love of a woman, the feeling that the ability that is in a man was put there for a purpose and ought not to be wasted.

In fact, ambition is more often laudable than base. And laudable ambition is far more often rewarded than the other sort.

It is natural for a man to desire the applause and the good opinion of his fellow men. It means that they respect and admire him, that they feel that he can do something that they cannot do.

To be ambitious to gain applause, to hold an important place in the world, to be known among the few who have accomplished rather than among the many who have done nothing, is worthy and commendable.

Do not misunderstand ambition. Do not regard the ambitious man as you regard the boor who shoves you off the sidewalk.

In his hurry to get to where he is going he may not always be solicitous of the feelings of others. But he wants to get there, and if the place is worth gaining he ought to be permitted to get there.

As to his travelling over your head on the way, that is not necessary, and the right sort of a man wouldn't do it. But if you are ambitious too you wouldn't be standing there offering your head as a stepping stone. You should be going ahead too, for the drive of ambition would send you along.

Get all the ambition you can. Use it right and it will be a power for good in your life.

success. It is hard work, in some cases very long hours. Personally, I will feel successful if I can become a good baker.

More power to Mr. John Blake and many of your other writers. Keep up the good work.

GEORGE ADRIAN.
Brooklyn, Oct. 31, 1921.

The Great Teacher

In Action

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory.

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EATING WITH SINNERS.

MATT. IX, 10-13.

AT REPARTEE The Great Teacher was a Master of Masters. It was a business at which He was never once beaten. Time and again the experts in the art of intellectual fencing bit the dust in their attempts to foil the Prophet of Nazareth.

In this case it was a repetition of all the tilts that had gone before it, and the Pharisees slunk away beaten and humiliated.

Seeing the Master eating and conversing with "sinners," the Pharisees—those watch-dogs of the church, whose business it was to smell out and hunt down all who were in any way "sinful"—said to the Disciples, "Why is it that your Master eats and talks with those low-down fellows? He ought to know that they are sinners, under the ban of the church, and of no standing whatever in the community. Why, then, does He mix in with them?"

The Disciples were spared the trouble of replying, for Jesus over-hearing the remarks of the Pharisees, said to them, in substance, "I am well aware of the fact that these people are sinners, and tell you now, once and for all, that sinners are the very ones I am interested in. Who needs the physician, the man who is well, or the man who is sick? Clearly the latter. And if I have any helpful word to give, to whom should I aim to give it, to those who are doing right, or to those who are doing wrong? Those who are doing right don't especially need me, but those who are doing wrong need me greatly. Learn then, this fact, that I came not to call the righteous but sinners. You Pharisees had better pass on, for in your own opinion, at least, you are perfect, and that being the case you can very well dispense with my company; but these poor unfortunate need me, and for that reason I am keeping company with them."

Continuing the Great Teacher, looking the holy fault-finders squarely in the eye, said, "And by the way, it would pay you to recall the place in our Scripture where it says, 'I desire MERCY and not SACRIFICES.' You are strict conformists. When it comes to the ceremonial and sacrificial side of the law you are faultless; but don't forget that word, 'Mercy.' Immaculate in your writings, and genuflections, and sacrifices, you would hound me to death for showing mercy, charity and love to these poor friendless sinners."

It's a great story—and great is the spirit that shines through it.

The religion of respectability, of pomp and pretence, of mutual admiration and self-congratulation, and of the uncompromising RESERVE which keeps its devotees safe from contact with "sinners," is a quite different thing from the religion of the One around whom this story centers.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT WORD?

95—TANTALIZE.

In the word "tantalize" we find one of the tales of classic mythology inclosed as a fly in inclosed in a bit of amber. The root of the word is the proper name of the mythical person called Tantalus, who was condemned by his father, Zeus, to stand up to his chin in water, which receded whenever he tried to slake his thirst. To "tantalize," then, is to put a person in a position of annoying embarrassment similar to that in which the vengeance of the "father of gods and men" put his offending son. From the same mythological root too we obtain the obscure word "tantulum," a metal almost as difficult to obtain as it was for Tantalus to get a drink.

Ten-Minute Studies of New York City Government

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By Willis Brooks Hawkins.

This is the thirty-third article of a series defining the duties of the administrative and legislative officers and boards of the New York City Government.

THE JUDICIARY.

Family Courts.

Family Courts (formerly Domestic Relations Courts) have jurisdiction over cases involving non-support of wives, children or poor relatives. Cases come before these courts in several ways. The Clerk and his assistants register all complaints of non-support, abandonment, etc. A large number of these complaints are investigated by the Department of Public Welfare and a report is made to the Magistrate. Cases are often returned to courts by probation officers for violation of probation.

Several courses of action are open to the court in any given case. It may: (1) Reconcile the couple, or, after giving advice and suggestions, dismiss the case; (2) place the defendant under bond to pay a certain sum of money weekly for support; (3) put the defendant on probation; (4) suspend sentence, or (5) send him to the City Magistrate to preside over Family Courts.

From the Wise

We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another.

—Swift.

He that will not reason is a bigot; he that cannot reason is a fool; and he that dares not reason is a slave.—Sir W. Drummond.

Genius is an extraordinary appetite for doing different things, and things in a different way.

—C. Lombroso.

There is no secret of the heart which our actions do not disclose.

—Moliere.